

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This is a continuation-in-part of prior application U.S. Serial No. 10/195,091 filed July 11, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,685,144, which was a continuation-in-part of prior application U.S. Serial No. 09/840,729 filed April 23, 2001, both entitled Pipe Support Apparatus. Applicant claims the benefit of the earlier filing dates of the prior applications ~~no. 10/195,091 and 09/840,729~~ and the entire disclosures thereof are incorporated herein by reference.